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3. The Cultural Affairs Department of the DDR Foreign Ministry has been abolished as such and put under the Political Affairs Department. Florin remains head of the latter and Walter Freund becomes his assistant. Successor to Freund as head of the Consular Department is Kurt Prezel. With the dissolution of the Cultural Affairs Department, the former head of it, Schatter, has been dismissed. Schatter was considered by the SED as unprogressive. He is said to be a student of the classics and at bottom not in sympathy with the communist ideology.

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5. Although the 500 delegates to the Brandenburg CDU party convention in Eberswalde on 1-2 July 1950 demonstrated unrestrained enthusiasm for the official CDU line as expressed in the various speeches, it was noticeable that when Dertinger addressed the populace of Eberswalde only about 3000

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persons appeared in the market place to hear him. Many persons in the crowd were heard to mutter disapproval of Dertinger, in general reproaching him for having sold out to the communists. The children present, however, were noticeably enthusiastic.

6. The DDR Foreign Ministry is preparing a diplomatic mission to send to Albania, but details are not yet known. Treaties are still planned for the summer of 1950 between the DDR and Rumania and Bulgaria.

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\*  Comment: It would be important then for western information media to emphasize for the benefit of eastern Germans that they must mark their ballots with an unmistakeable cross in the "Nein" blank, and that they must not indulge in poetry or jokes on this occasion.

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